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Shared Dreams: Extending the Legacy of Dr.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Baha'i Community of Bloomington**

From the Baha'i "Promise of World Peace Settlement," October 1985  
"Religious strife, throughout history, has been the cause of innumerable wars and conflicts, a major blight to progress, and is increasingly abhorrent to the people of all faiths and no faith. Followers of all religions must be willing to face the basic questions which this strife raises, and to arrive at clear answers. How are the differences between them to be resolved, both in theory and in practice? (p. 8)"

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## **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

When I heard I only had 3 sentences to describe the viewpoint of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (or Mormon) community about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of shared dreams, I figured I would have to come up with some pretty long sentences, but then I realized that Jesus was asked to summarize His doctrine about what was most important in life, and His answer is my answer. Dr. King said, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." Jesus Christ said, "Love God, love each other, love ourselves;" all the healing the world needs is contained in those words.

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## **Congregation Beth Shalom**

In the words of the prophet Micah, Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior hoped that one day all persons, citizens and officials alike, will “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with [their] God.”

Congregation Beth Shalom’s dream for Bloomington and America is a community and a nation that pursues justice, supports and protects the weak, the vulnerable and the outcast, banishes all forms of hatred and bigotry, and creates a common bond of harmony among all its inhabitants.

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## **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

The congregation of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bloomington, Indiana, dreams of a seamless continuum of care for all in our community who are experiencing homelessness. We dream of a time when all the rich and varied faith communities of this city will work collaboratively with each other and with social service agencies, both faith-based and secular, to offer seamless care, from emergency shelter, through detox and recovery programs, to stable affordable housing, accessible health care, gainful employment and living wages.

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### **First Presbyterian Church**

#### Our Dreams

We dream of a day when swords will be beat into plowshares and the lion shall lay down with the lamb.

We dream of a day when all of God's creation and children will be treated with love, justice, equity, and peace.

We dream of a day when all will have food in their bellies and a warm place to call their own.

We dream of a day when people are welcomed regardless of skin color, religion, sexual orientation, accent, and ethnicity.

We dream of a day when young women will be able to walk through campus and always feel and be safe.

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## **First United Church**

In his famous Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Dr. King wrote to his critics amongst the clergy of “an inescapable network of mutuality” that ties all of us together in “a single destiny.” We dream of a Bloomington united around things that foster hope, rather than torn apart by things born of fear. We dream of the good that will come from more people acknowledging our inextricable ties to our neighbors who do not look like, sound like, or worship like us.

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## **The Muslim Community of Bloomington**

In the Qur'an, verse 49:3 can be translated as, "O mankind! We created you from a single pair of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes that you might get to know one another. Surely the noblest of you in the sight of God is he who is the most righteous. God is All-Knowledgeable, All-Aware." We dream of a community that sees the beauty of God's creation in our differences, that assesses the goodness of another's character by his or her actions, and that never allows its personal fears or discomfort to strip another of his or her humanity. Thank you.

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## **St. Mark's United Methodist Church**

Our Dream (from St. Mark's 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class)

We have a dream that one day people will open their eyes and see war as unacceptable. We have a dream that whoever you are and whatever you do, you will not be treated differently by the way you look, but in a way that reflects that all people are created equal. Be yourself because everyone else is taken.



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## **St. Paul Catholic Center**

We have a dream that in our city and world stony and divided hearts would be softened and made new. That all peoples would recognize and believe in the beauty of every human person and become beacons of the unifying power of faith, the perseverance and strength of hope and the peace of love.

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## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

Trinity's dream of unity is of a wildly colorful and crazily shaped tapestry, a picture of peace and goodwill, of respect and compassion for all creatures and for this planet, our island home.

This dream is animated by the breath and spoken into reality by the voice of a god who is constantly creative, out-of-the-box imaginative, and who yearns for the health of all who live and move and have their being.

Trinity's dream of unity is dynamic, active, energetic and vigorous in striving for the justice and dignity of all people.

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## **Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington**

Our dream is for the voices in this room, and those like them in Bloomington, to become well-listened-to voices in our community. And that we all continue to listen deeply to one another after we leave these walls. And that we listen deeply to what our Earth needs.

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## **Unity of Bloomington**

It is the dream of the congregation of Unity of Bloomington that all people will

- Recognize their oneness with each other and with the Spirit of love and justice and that we will all
- Join together to work for peace and freedom, as Martin Luther King Jr. said, “accept[ing] finite disappointment but never los[ing] infinite hope.”